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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 50 are currently pending.

Under 37 CFR 1.83(a) the drawings have been objected to for not illustrating every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 8, 14, 16 to 18, 33 to 36, 38, 41, 42, 47 to 50 to eliminate claims relating to:

- a single "optical block" having more than two openings;
- MT-RJ receptacles;
- through-hole components; and
- surface-mounted components.

Applicant would like to point out that all of drawings 1A, 1B, 4A, 5A and 5B illustrate a module 100 with a pair of optical blocks 120, as more clearly illustrated in Figure 3. Furthermore, Figures 3, 4A, 5A and 5B clearly illustrate LC connectors 161.

Applicant would also like to clarify that the module 100 illustrated in Figure 4A, 5A and 5B includes a pair of optical subassemblies 103', each of which includes a receiver 111 and a transmitter 110, as clearly illustrated in Figure 3. Accordingly a transmitter/receiver with LC connectors is clearly illustrated in the drawings, i.e. in Figures 3, 4A, 5A and 5B.

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Applicant has been required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species from the eight species provided by the Examiner. In response to this requirement, Applicant elects Species III. Save Claim 6, all of the claims remaining in the application, i.e., Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 15, 19-28, 31, 32, 37, 39 and 41-46, are believed to be readable upon elected Species III. With the cancellation of the other claims, Species IV, V, VI, and VII have been eliminated. With the realization that Figures 3, 4A, 4B, 5A, and 5B all relate to the same basic module 100 with a pair of subassemblies 103', only claims relating to all transmitters or all receivers, as disclosed in figures 1A and 1B, respectively, would not be generic. Accordingly, claim 6 has been withdrawn at this time.

Applicant has also cancelled claims 29, 30 and 40 to expedite prosecution of the application.

The description has been amended to correct typographical errors, in which reference numeral 102 was mistaken for reference numeral 120. Moreover, the description of Figure 4A has been amended to further clarify the use of optical subassemblies 103', as is illustrated in the Figures.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.



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